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SUBJ: STUDENT RALLY CRITICIZES US MILITARY FACILITY

1. A BARBADIAN STUDENT RALLY AT THE CAVE HILL CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES RECENTLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE BARBADOS GOVT TO REVOKE THE 1956 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND THE THEN COLONIAL GOVT OF BARBADOS FOR THE FREE USE OF THE US NAVY FACILITY ON BARBADOS. THE RESOLUTION SAID THE MILITARY FACILITY WAS AN INSULT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF BARBADOS, AND WAS DESIGNED TO "FURTHER IMPERIALISM'S GLOBAL DESIGNS."

THE STUDENT RESOLUTION ASKS THAT THE AGREEMENT NOT BE RENEWED WHEN IT COMES UP FOR REVIEW AND ALSO DEMANDS COMPENSATION FROM THE U.S. FOR THE USE AND OCCUPATION OF THE 56 ACRES INVOLVED. IT ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE 1956 AGREEMENT ALLOWED FOR U.S. FORCES' EXEMPTION FROM IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS, HARBOR DUES, AIRPORT TAX, AND INCOME TAX. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: THIS STUDENT ATTACK ON THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN BARBADOS COMES JUST TWO WEEKS AFTER A CAVE HILL LAW LECTURER, DR. RALPH GONZALVES, REPORTEDLY AN UNOFFICIAL ADVISOR AND MENTOR TO STUDENT GROUPS ON CAMPUS, RELEASED A PURPORTEDLY DETAILED SURVEY AND CONDEMNATION OF FOREIGN  
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MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE CARIBBEAN. THIS STATEMENT WAS

MADE AT A POLITICAL MEETING IN ST. VINCENT. GONZALVES HAS  
BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ST. VINCENT,  
OF WHICH ISLAND THE LAW LECTURER IS A NATIVE, AS AN OUT-AND-  
OUT COMMUNIST. END COMMENT.  
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